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IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL, THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS AND
DELETIONS ARE RECOMMENDED:

1. MC/14/3 STATES IN PART THAT "...ONE OF THE BASES
FOR NATO'S MILITARY PLANNING SHOULD THEREFORE BE THE
HYPOTHESIS OF AN ATTACK WITH LITTLE OR NO STRATEGIC
WARNING." CONSISTENT WITH THIS, AT SECTION III, PARA
4, FOURTH SENTENCE, AFTER THE WORDS, "AVAILABLE IN A
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REAL CRISIS" ADD THE WORDS "IF A SURPRISE ATTACK HAS NOT

OCCURRED."

2. TO COMPLEMENT THE EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF
"COMMUNICATING NATO'S INTENTIONS" IN PARAS 8, 9, AND 13,
WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FOLLOWING COMMENT REFLECTED IN
THE FINAL REPORT:

--- "MUCH OF THE DETERRENT EFFECT OF NATO'S
NUCLEAR WEAPONS STEMS FROM THE FACT THAT THE ENEMY IS
UNCERTAIN WHETHER AND WHEN THESE WEAPONS MIGHT BE USED.
TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES INSURING THAT THE ENEMY WILL BE
INFORMED BEFORE NATO EXECUTES NUCLEAR STRIKES IS TO
ALLOW THE ENEMY OPPORTUNITY FOR PREEMPTION. THUS
WITHIN NATO, THE DEBATE ON COMMUNICATING NATO'S INTENTIONS
MIGHT USEFULLY FOCUS ON THE KEY ISSUE: WOULD THE
TRANSMISSION OF A WARNING MESSAGE BEFORE NATO EXECUTES
A NUCLEAR STRIKE PROVIDE NATO A SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGE
THAT COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED IF SUCH A MESSAGE WAS NOT
SENT."

3. THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 9, SECTION III, IS
SUBJECT TO SEVERAL INTERPRETATIONS. SINCE THE PARA CAN
STAND WITHOUT THE SENTENCE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE
DELETED.

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